

**IN THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-8 (*Canceled*)

Claim 9. (*New*) A termite deterrent cap in combination with a pier structure, comprising:

a cement pier having a top end with exterior walls, said pier including a rod having a lower section centrally embedded in the pier and an upper threaded section extending beyond the top end of the pier adapted for connection to a supported timber structure;

a plastic cap having a topside with a center aperture, a periphery and sidewalls having an inside surface and extending downward at an outward angle from the periphery of the cap, said cap being configured and dimensioned to cover the top end of said pier with said rod extending through the center aperture, such that the inside surface of the sidewalls does not contact the exterior walls of said pier.

Claim 10. (*New*) The combination of claim 9, wherein the periphery and the sidewalls of said cap come together to form a chamfered outer edge.

Claim 11. (*New*) The combination of claim 9, wherein said cap and said pier have a generally circular configuration.

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Claim 12. (*New*) The combination of claim 9, wherein said cap and said pier have a generally square configuration.

Claim 13. (*New*) The combination of claim 9, wherein said cap is made of polyethylene.

Claim 14. (*New*) The combination of claim 9, wherein the sidewalls of said cap have a height of about 3 inches.